

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

- (a) December 1964.
- (b) From the end of July 1966.

(c) The work was stopped till February 1967 for want of bearings to the bridge. After that the contractor has not started the work.

Amount spent on Pesticides.

403. Sri N. A. CHANNE GOWDA (Pandavapura).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Education be pleased to state :—

- (a) the amount spent by Government on pesticides to control plant and crop diseases annually ;
- (b) the amount so spent in Mandya District ?

A.—Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Education).—

- (a) Rs. 64,90,222-00 (For 1967-68).
- (b) Rs. 2,16,150-20 (For 1967-68).

Karnatak Wood Distillation Factory, Londa.

406. Sri N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur).—

Will the Minister for Revenue and Forests be pleased to state:—

(a) the terms and conditions on which the Government have supplied wood to the 'Karnatak Wood Distillation Factory at Londa' Khanapur Taluk, Belgaum District ;

(b) the quantity of Tar distilled and supplied to the Government up-to-date, yearwise ;

(c) whether Agency to whom the Government have sanctioned wood at the concessional rates, paid the cost of the wood regularly and as per the rules ;

(d) whether it is a fact that during last year the Forest Department recovered the cost of the wood supplied to them by auctioning the same stock ;

(e) the present stock of the wood with them and why Government is supplying wood again to such concerns ;

(f) the arrears due to Government from this factory ?

A.—Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Revenue and Forests).—

(a) No firewood was supplied to the Karnatak Wood Distillation factory Londa. However firewood was supplied to Sri Kanji L. Sheth of Kumta for starting a wood distillation Factory at Londa, Belgaum District. The terms and conditions are as set out in the agreement dated 11th January 1963 and mainly are :

- (i) the location of the factory shall be at/or near Londa ;
- (ii) the party shall satisfy the Government that it has requisitioned the necessary machinery for the creation of the factory.
- (iii) the party shall start the factory capable of manufacturing wood-charcoal and its bye-products and commence production on or before 1963, etc.

(b) Nil.

(c) Yes. Till April 1965.

(d) Yes. As the party was in arrears for the value of the fire-wood supplied between May 1965 and February 1966.

(e) As the agreement still subsists, 1,500 tons of firewood out of the balance held by the Department has been released.

(f) Nil.

Selection of Candidates by D.L.R.C.

410. Sri C. M. S. SASTRY (Chickmagalur).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Education be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there was a selection of candidate for D. L. R. C. in each of the District Educational Officers' Office in the State recently ;

(b) the Rules observed for these selections ;

(c) the dates when each of the selection meetings were held ;

(d) who presided in each of these meetings ;

(e) was the Chairman present in each of these meetings if not, who presided in his absence and on what dates ;

(f) who is the appellate authority against unjust selection ;

(g) the number of appeals that were there in each District selections and what were the qualifications of such appellants ;

(h) whether all the selected candidates are duly qualified ;

(i) the number of cases of writ appeals of High Court against these selections in each of the Offices that were filed ?